## **COUNTY OF MORRIS**

## ORDER PURSUANT TO A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

TO ALL PEOPLE, BUSINESSES, DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND OFFICES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

I, Scott DiGiralomo, Emergency Management Coordinator for the County of Morris, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Morris County, and pursuant to the powers vested in me by chapter 251 of the laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. App A:9-30 et seq; N.J.S.A. 40:48-1(6) and pursuant thereto; and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2C:33-1; and all sections and subsections that confer upon the County Emergency Management Coordinator certain emergency powers issue the following:

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, Governor Phillip Murphy issued Executive Order 103, declaring a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the State of New Jersey;

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 104 (EO 104), designed to combat and to limit community spread of COVID-19. EO 104, which among other things, limits social gatherings to 50 people or less, in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New Jersey Department of Health; closed all public and private schools by March 18, 2020; closed all gaming facilities, race tracks, and certain other entertainment centers; directed all non-essential retail, recreational, and entertainment businesses to close as of March 16, 2020; and directed all restaurant, with or without a liquor license, to only offer takeout and delivery services;

WHEREAS, in consultation with Local Health Officials (LHO), at the county and municipal level, that the evidence of community spread of COVID-19, continues to pose an increased risk to the safety of the people of Morris County;

WHEREAS, Morris County has determined to further the interest of public safety

and health by establishing a drive-through COVID-19 sampling site to deter community spread. The Morris County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) requests the assistance of all Morris County departments, agencies, commissions and authorities to establish and operate this facility. Morris County OEM also requests the assistance and cooperation of the hospital systems and other health care providers;

WHEREAS, incorporating fully the terms and rationale of EO 104, and recognizing the need to limit community spread as a vital public safety interest, and having the authority to impose conditions at a local level by the terms of N.J.S.A. App. 9:30 et. seq. as the County Emergency Management Coordinator, the following restrictions, necessary to protect the safety and well-being of the people of Morris County;

NOW, therefore, I, Scott DiGiralomo, Emergency Management Coordinator for the County of Morris, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Morris County, DO HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT:

The following types of businesses are ordered closed, within the geographic borders of Morris County, effective 2000 hours (8:00 p.m.) on March 19, 2020:

Any Indoor Public or Private Recreational Bathing Facilities regulated by local health departments in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:26-1.1 et seq.;

Indoor Recreational Facilities including but not limited to those providing amusement activities, trampoline parks, miniature golf, batting cages, racquetball/tennis centers, and ice rinks;

WHEREAS, incorporating fully the terms and rationale of EO 104, and recognizing the need to limit community spread is a vital public safety interest, and having the authority to impose conditions at a local level by the terms of N.J.S.A. App. 9:30 et. seq. as the County Emergency Management Coordinator, the following restrictions, necessary to protect the safety and well-being of the people of Morris County, shall be imposed immediately upon issuance of this Order:

All playgrounds and all playing fields within Morris County shall be closed immediately.

A park, within the jurisdiction of Morris County, may remain open for passive recreation with the following restrictions to be enforced: No organized or directed activity shall be permitted. Any other park activity that bring groups of more than four individuals (other than family members) shall be prohibited, including but not limited to, playgrounds, dog runs, amusement rides, stables (except for the care and maintenance of horses at the stables).

The terms of this Order shall remain in effect until further Order. This Order may be modified, altered, and/or amended within the authority of the County Emergency Management Coordinator, and/or as Ordered by the State Emergency Coordinator at any time.

Nothing in this Order modifies or amends in any way any prior Order issued by me unless specifically stated herein.

Scott Di Giralomo

**County of Morris Emergency Management Coordinator** 

**DATED:** March 19, 2020